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U. S. Income Tax.

1. As you are aware, the present policy of the Agency is to indicate simply "U.S. Government" as the source of income for employees filing returns on the U. S. Federal income tax.

2. It is my understanding that this designation was considered the optimum at the time this matter was last considered. In view of a recent conversation I had with our confidential contact in the Bureau of Internal Revenue (Special Assistant to the Commissioner), this office believes it may be advisable at this time to give some further thought to the designation of "U. S. Government." Our contact stated that he believed we were the only agency employing this description, and confirmed this after making oblique inquiries. Apparently all other departments of the Government use specific names.

3. While "U.S. Government" certainly seems preferable to a clear description of employer as "CIA," it might be possible to create a better isolation of identity by borrowing a specific name such as the [redacted]

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4. If you wish to give this further consideration at the present time, this office will be pleased to assist you in any way that it can.

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